

Sermon ~ Sunday, September 12, 2021, by Pastor, Dwight Benoit

Text: Hebrews 4: 12b/c

Title: "GOD'S WORD: The Answer!" (3)

Foundational Text... (Hebrews 4: 12)

KJV ~ "For **The WORD of GOD** is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

Amplified Bible ~ "For **The WORD of GOD [HE]** is living and active and full of power [that is, **HE** is operative-surgical—cuts straight, energizing, and effective. **[HE]** is sharper than any two-edged sword..."

In the *context* of this *text*, the writer, has already reminded us (those who read) that we need to "hear **GOD'S WORD**... v. 7..."

KJV ~ "Again, **HE** limiteth a certain day..."

NLT ~ "**GOD** set another time for entering **HIS Place** of rest (right now—ultimate rest), and that time is Today. **GOD** announced this through David a long time later in the words already quoted: "Today you *must* listen to **HIS VOICE**. Don't harden your hearts against **HIM**." (Hebrews 4: 7)

Point: Rest but *Obey!!!*

"For **The WORD of GOD [HE]** is living and active..."

Isaiah the Prophet said it this way...

"...it [**GOD'S WORD**] will not return unto **ME [HIM]** empty, but will accomplish what I [**HE**] desire and achieve the *purpose* for which I [**HE**] sent it." (Isaiah 55: 11)

- To the *believer*, **The WORD of GOD** brings *Salvation*...
"For I am not ashamed of **The Gospel of CHRIST**: for it is **The Power of GOD** unto *salvation* to every one that believeth..." (Romans 1: 16)
- The *unbeliever*, it brings *Judgment*... (John 3: 18)
"He that believeth on **HIM** is not condemned. But he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in **The Name of The Only Begotten SON of GOD.**"
V. 19, And this is the condemnation, that **LIGHT** is come into the world, and men loved *darkness* rather than **LIGHT**, because their deeds were (are) evil."

"GOD'S WORD: The Answer!"

In these last days of *mine*, I'm guilty of Bibliolatry, n., excessive adherence to Bible interpretation...

- I *believe* The Bible is *not* **GOD**, but **GOD'S VOICE!!!**
- I *believe*, when I *preach* **The WORD of GOD**, I'm not standing on a platform, a pulpit, but on a **THRONE!**

1. “For The WORD of GOD is powerful...”

The Greek word is *dunamis*, noun, (120 times in the New Testament) ...

- *Miraculous Power*
- *Marvelous Power*

The root word of *dunamis* from which we get our English words are, *dynamite*, *dynamo*, *dynamic*. But *properly* the Greek *adjective*, in this text is, *dunatos* (doo-nat-os’) meaning *Strong*, *Mighty*. *Properly*, **HE [The WORD] is ABLE**, because of **WHO HE is**. **HE is The POWER!**

The ABILITY! The PRE-EMINENT (*the first*) in All Things!

2. “For The WORD of GOD is sharper...”

Sharper, our English word means, adapted to *cutting* or *piercing*. *Sharper*, adjective in Greek, is *energes* (en-er-gace’), expressing, at work, active, effective, productive of due result.

3. “For The WORD of GOD is The Sword...”

The word translated *sword*, in the Greek means, “a short sword or “dagger.” The emphasis is on **The Power of The WORD** to *penetrate* and *expose the inner heart* of man.

In comparing **The WORD of GOD** to a *sword*, the writer is not suggesting that **GOD** uses **HIS WORD** to *slaughter sinning saints and sinners*... Oh, it’s **The TRUTH, The WORD of GOD** “cuts-straight” into the hearts of *sinning saints* and *sinners* with *conviction* (**HOLY GHOST**) *Conviction*...

Ask,

That *thirst woman* (John 4) at the Well in Samaria... She ask **JESUS** for “*miracle water*” ... She thought **HE** meant “*some special kind of liquid*.” But **JESUS** spoke of “*spiritual water*” that would satisfy her “*spiritual need*” forever. It took her sometime, but she was “*convicted*,” that **JESUS** was talking about a *relationship* with **GOD and HIMSELF!**

It was not some ‘*miracle water*,’ but a **Living Relationship with JESUS!!!**

A “*miracle*” I can’t explain—but *this I know!!!* ...

Ask,

That *Eunuch* of Ethiopia (Acts 8: 26-29); under the authority of Candace, Queen of Ethiopia... *Riding on his chariot*; *Reading The WORD of GOD*, the Book of Isaiah, chapter 53...

not understanding, **the What** and **The WHO**, Isaiah spoke about. And **The SPIRIT of GOD**, told Philip... **The Power of Conviction** came over the *Eunuch*, *convicted* him, *convinced* him, *converted* him... *seeing water*, he asked, “...what doth hinder me to be baptized?”

Philip said, ‘If thou believest with all thine heart... that **JESUS CHRIST is The SON of GOD**...’

“For **The WORD of GOD [HE] is living and active and full of power, is sharper than any two-edged sword...” **The KEY** to the *Devils own dungeon!* **IT** can *shake* the Bars of Iron loose and make the captives free! **IT** can cast down the *Strongholds of doubt* and cut off *the head* of the *Giant of Despair!* It can lose *The Shackles of Depression* and flood your soul with **JOY!!!****